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4 THINGS TO KNOW

Nobel, Pulitzer-winning author Toni Morrison dead at 88

Morrison was 39 when her first novel, "The Bluest Eye," was published.

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U.S. author Toni Morrison, whose 1987 novel "Beloved" about a runaway slave won a Pulitzer Prize and contributed to a body of work that made her the first black woman to be presented the Nobel Prize in Literature, has died at the age of 88, her publisher said on Tuesday.

Paul Bogaards, a spokesman for the publishing company Alfred A. Knopf, announced the death but did not provide an immediate cause. The Washington Post said she died on Monday at a New York hospital.

Morrison was a commercial as well as critical success, drawing praise for writing in a vivid, lyrical style while assessing issues of race, gender and love in American society.

"Beloved" was set during the U.S. Civil War and based on a true story of a woman who killed her 2-year-old daughter to spare her from slavery. The character, Sethe, was captured before she could kill herself and the child's ghost visits her mother.

Morrison told NEA Arts magazine in 2015 that she had already written a third of the book before deciding to bring in the ghost to address the morality of whether the mother was right to kill the child.

The New York Times called the novel's death scene "an event so brutal and disturbing that it appears to warp time before and after into a single, unwavering line of fate. It will destroy one family's dream of safety and freedom; it will haunt an entire community for generations and ... it will reverberate in readers' minds long after they have finished this book."

The book was made into a movie starring Oprah Winfrey, who co-produced it, and Danny Glover. Winfrey was one of Morrison's biggest fans and featured four of her books in the influential book club portion of her daytime talk show.

"She was our conscience. Our seer. Our truth-teller," Winfrey said in an Instagram post. "She was a magician with language, who understood the Power of words. She used them to roil us, to wake us, to educate us and help us grapple with our deepest wounds and try to comprehend them."

"Beloved" was part of a trilogy that Morrison said looked at love through the perspective of black history. "Jazz," published in 1992, was about a love triangle during the Harlem Renaissance in New York in the 1920s; and the third book, "Paradise," published in 1997, told of women in a small, predominantly black town.

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"VISIONARY FORCE"

In honoring her with its literature prize in 1993, the Nobel organization said Morrison's novels were "characterized by visionary force and poetic import" while giving "life to an essential aspect of American reality."

Morrison was 39 years old when her first novel, "The Bluest Eye" (1970) about a black girl who wanted blue eyes, was published. After working as an editor at a publishing house, she told a panel discussion in 2016 that she wanted to "write the book that I really and truly wanted to read."

"I read all the time but I was never in those books," she said. "Or if I was, it was as a joke, or as some anecdote that explained something about the main character without the main character looking like me."

She followed that with "Song of Solomon" (1977), which won the National Book Critics Circle Award, "Tar Baby" (1981) and "God Help the Child" (2015). Her nonfiction works included an essay collection, a book of literary criticism titled "Playing in the Dark: Whiteness and the Literary Imagination" (1992) and editing anthologies.

Her 1986 play "Dreaming Emmett" was about Emmett Till, whose lynching in Mississippi in 1955 was a key moment in the U.S. civil rights movement.

Morrison was born on Feb. 18, 1931, in Lorain, Ohio, and grew up in a family with a storytelling tradition. She graduated from Howard University in Washington, and earned a master's degree from Cornell University.

Morrison, whose only marriage ended in divorce, taught in colleges and was an editor at the publisher Random House before writing her own books. Later she would teach at Princeton University.

In 2012 Morrison was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by Barack Obama, who called her a "national treasure." REUTERS

FBI opens domestic terror probe into Gilroy shooting

2 The FBI has opened a domestic terrorism investigation into a California mass shooting by a 19-year-old gunman who killed three people at a food festival last week, officials said on Tuesday. Authorities have said they still do not know what motivated Santino William Legan, 19, to fire an assault-style rifle into a crowd in Gilroy, Calif., on July 28. His victims included a 6-year-old boy and a 13-year-old girl. Police officers exchanged gunfire with Legan, who was wearing a bullet-resistant vest, and struck him, Gilroy Police Chief Scot Smithee said at a news conference on Tuesday. Legan killed himself with a gunshot to the head. Investigators have discovered he kept a list that appeared to have targets of violence, John Bennett, the FBI agent in charge in the San Francisco office, told reporters. "The shooter appeared to have an interest in varying, competing violent ideologies," Bennett said. REUTERS

Disney reports earnings fall as streaming costs rise

3 Walt Disney Co. reported a steeper earnings decline than Wall Street expected on Tuesday as the company, boosted by a blockbuster movie slate led by "Avengers: Endgame," the highest-grossing movie of all time, poured money into its ambitious plunge into streaming media and began folding in assets purchased from Twenty-First Century Fox. Shares of Disney, which had risen 27 percent this year and hit an all-time high last week, dropped as much as 5 percent in after-hours trading, to $135. Disney, the owner of ESPN, a movie studio and theme parks, is investing heavily in digital media platforms to challenge the dominance of Netflix Inc. Its biggest digital bet, a family-friendly subscription service called Disney+, is scheduled to debut in November. "Nothing is more important to us than getting this right," Disney Chief Executive Bob Iger said. REUTERS

Honduran prez drug link surfaces, thousands protest

4 Thousands of protesters took to the streets of the capital on Tuesday to urge Honduran President Juan Orlando Hernandez to step down, just days after he was forced to deny taking money from drug gangs to secure his election in 2013. The premises of at least three businesses were set on fire after protests turned violent, officials said, and riot police clashed with demonstrators while attempting to disperse the crowd with tear gas. "The narco must go, JOH must go!" protesters chanted, using the president's initials. A court filing was published late last week in which U.S. prosecutors alleged that Hernandez's 2013 presidential bid had been partly funded by money from drug traffickers. The document, filed to the U.S. Southern District court of New York, said the Hernandez campaign received $1.5 million from "drug proceeds" that were used to bribe local officials. REUTERS

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New York fashion grandee Barneys files for bankruptcy protection

Century-old retailer plans to keep Madison Avenue flagship open despite the $30 million rent.

The Barneys New York sign is seen in a display window outside the luxury department store in New York. REUTERS

U.S. department store operator and fashionista favorite Barneys New York Inc. filed for bankruptcy protection on Tuesday and put itself up for sale, underscoring how even luxury retailers are struggling to freshen their image and compete with online rivals.

The nearly century-old chain, best known for swanky shop windows on New York's Madison Avenue, long enjoyed a loyal following among socialites and a privileged reputation as a retailer that could make or break a brand.

But it has also suffered, like peers across the bricks-and-mortar retail landscape, in part as consumers flock to online alternatives. In addition, a recent spike in store rent left Barneys reeling and scrambling to find a buyer.

Barneys said in a statement that it had now secured $75 million in new financing from affiliates of Hilco Global and the Gordon Brothers Group to help it keep operating while under bankruptcy protection.

The retailer added that it would focus on key locations, and close major stores in Chicago, Las Vegas, Philadelphia and Seattle, along with five smaller concept shops and seven Barneys Warehouse locations, where it sold more heavily discounted merchandise.

Barneys plans to keep its main store in Manhattan, a sprawling nine-floor building, open along with four other locations. Rent at the Madison Avenue flagship store in particular posed a problem for the cash-strapped firm, rising to roughly $30 million from $16 million.

Reuters reported in July that Barneys was exploring its options, including a bankruptcy filing, as a result.

Barneys executives and board members "have taken decisive action by entering into a court-supervised process, which will provide the company the necessary tools to conduct a sale process, review our current leases and optimize our operations," said CEO Daniella Vitale.

$75M

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Peter Knight-Barnard, a retiree now based in Italy, recalled going to Barneys in the 1980s and '90s when it was "the spot."

"Just walking around with one of their shopping bags in those days was a status symbol," the 69-year-old said. "It was a big Saturday scene with all the great and good from Wall Street milling around."

COMPETITION

The retail industry as a whole is grappling with e-commerce competition from the likes of Amazon. In the realm of high fashion, luxury sites such as Richemont-owned Net-A-Porter or Farfetch have been gaining ground, too.

Bricks-and-mortars stores have had to add entertainment value to lure shoppers, with art installations or concerts, as well as trying to secure exclusive clothing launches.

And while it is shaking up its approach on the shop floor, Barneys' now faces the challenge of keeping brands on board.

Italy's Moncler, for instance, whose luxury down coats usually fetch well over $1,000, said it began to postpone deliveries of some its latest collections as early as June. REUTERS

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Driverless cars make their way into NYC

Trial runs begin this week in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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The Brooklyn Navy Yard is the first area in New York City to get driverless cars.

Starting Wednesday, the driverless cars will begin shuttling people around the Navy Yard, free of charge.

The cars will run seven days a week to meet passengers coming from and going to the new ferry landing. The cars will run from 7 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. every day, according to a press release.

"The Brooklyn Navy Yard's mission is to serve as a hub of urban innovation and we are constantly looking for new ways to improve the experiences of our tenants and visitors," said David Ehrenberg, president and CEO of the Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation. "We are excited to bring the future of transportation to New York with Optimus Ride, and provide the 10,000 employees across the Yard and the Brooklyn community with greater access to convenient mobility."

The Optimus Ride launch comes as the Brooklyn Navy Yard undergoes a $1 billion expansion, its largest since World War II. The project will increase the Yard's job total to 20,000 from its current 10,000 by the end of 2021, ushering in an increased need for transportation.

The cars that will be making the mile-long loops are six electric Polaris vehicles. They will have a sign that indicates that they are self-driving. The cars will be operated by Optimus Ride, which has been around since 2015. According to a press release, the vehicles are expected to transport 500 passengers a day, and 16,000 per month.

Since Optimus Ride was founded, the company has given over 20,000 autonomous rides in the Boston area. Although the cars drive themselves as a safety precaution, each vehicle has a team of two to assist if anything goes wrong.

Ryan Chin, CEO and co-founder of Optimus Ride, said in a press release: "Launching our self-driving vehicle system in New York at the Brooklyn Navy Yard is yet another validation that not only is Optimus Ride's system a safe, efficient means of transportation, but also that autonomous vehicles can solve real-world problems in structured environments — today. In addition, our system will provide access to and experience with autonomy for thousands of people, helping to increase acceptance and confidence of this new technology, which helps move the overall industry forward."

The New York Times reported that no injuries or accidents have occurred at this time within one of Optimus Ride's cars. Still, some are wary of the technology. The Times reported that last year, a woman was killed by a self-driving car and three Tesla drivers using their "auto-pilot" systems, and died as a result.

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Another common issue with the self-driving cars is that they rely on gas and are not the most environmentally-friendly travel option, which is a growing concern among consumers.

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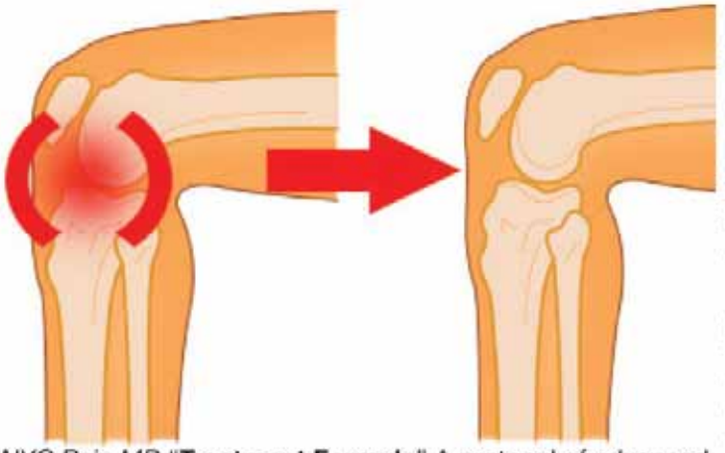

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President Trump plans to visit El Paso as Hispanic border city mourns

The expected visit on Wednesday drew mixed reactions.

People pay their respects three days after a mass shooting in El Paso, Texas. REUTERS

U.S. President Donald Trump was expected on Wednesday to visit El Paso, a heavily Hispanic Texas border city reeling after a shooting rampage in a crowded Walmart left 22 people dead in an attack that appeared to have been racially motivated.

Trump's planned visit comes as Democrats are accusing him of stoking racial divisions with his strong anti-immigration rhetoric, even after he said that Americans must "condemn racism, bigotry and white supremacy."

Word that Trump was planning to travel to El Paso angered left-lending activists who gathered for a vigil for the victims on Monday evening. Some partly blamed the president for the bloodshed.

"He's complicit in this violence and all the terror that we're seeing," Rachel Cheek, 26, one activist, told Reuters.

A crowd of several hundred classmates, teachers and relatives filled a high school football stadium in the El Paso suburb of Horizon on Monday evening for a memorial service honoring the youngest of the 22 people slain.

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo, a Republican who holds a nonpartisan office, said on Monday that he supported a visit from Trump.

"This is not a political visit," Margo said. "He is president of the United States. So, in that capacity, I will fulfill my obligations as mayor of El Paso to meet with the president and discuss whatever our needs are in this community."

The rampage, along with a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio, that left nine people dead 13 hours later, has also touched off a new furor over gun violence in the United States. Trump, who also plans to visit Dayton, proposed tighter monitoring of the internet, mental health reform and wider use of the death penalty following the incidents.

As of Tuesday morning, Patrick Crusius, 21, faces a single count of capital murder after authorities say he opened fire with a rifle on Walmart shoppers, many of them bargain hunting for back-to-school supplies, then surrendered to officers who confronted him outside the store. A Texas prosecutor said the state will seek the death penalty against Crusius if he is convicted.

Crusius made an initial court appearance early Sunday, and San Antonio attorney Mark Stevens has been appointed to the case by the court, online court records showed.

Calls to the El Paso court, state prosecutors and the defense attorney were not immediately returned.

Authorities have cited a lengthy anti-immigrant manifesto, apparently posted online by the suspect before the Saturday morning shooting in the heavily Hispanic border city, which they said was evidence the bloodshed was racially motivated.

Eight of those killed in the attack were Mexican citizens, according to the Mexican government.

The four-page statement uploaded to 8chan, a largely unmoderated online message board often used by extremists, called the Walmart attack "a response to the Hispanic invasion of Texas."

Texas Gov. Greg Abbott said Saturday's rampage appeared to be a hate crime and federal prosecutors called it domestic terrorism. REUTERS

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Ohio Gov. DeWine reacts as vigil attendees shout "Do something!" while he was speaking at a vigil at the scene after a mass shooting in Dayton, Ohio. REUTERS

Urged to 'do something,' Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine backs 'red flag' law

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine on Tuesday proposed a "red flag" law that would take guns away from people who may harm themselves or others, responding to pressure for him to "do something" after a mass shooting in Dayton that killed nine people.

The Republican governor said he would ask the General Assembly to pass a law that would allow judges to temporarily confiscate guns from individuals believed by police or their relatives to be a danger, and to provide them with mental health treatment.

"We have an obligation to each other," DeWine said at a news briefing. "If someone is showing signs of trouble or problems, we must help and we must not turn away."

DeWine spoke three days after a gunman wearing body armor and a mask opened fire in a crowded Dayton, Ohio, neighborhood known for its nightlife early on Sunday. It was the second deadly U.S. mass shooting in less than a day.

The governor, who was endorsed by the National Rifle Association when he was elected last year, was heckled on Sunday night as he spoke at a vigil for the victims of the rampage. Protesters repeatedly chanted "Do something!", a reference to perceived state and federal inaction to curb U.S. gun violence.

"Some chanted 'Do something!' and they're absolutely right," DeWine said on Tuesday. "We must do something, and that is exactly what we're going to do."

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> **Ohio Governor Mike DeWine**

Gun control is one of the most divisive issues in American politics. Supporters of tighter restrictions say they are necessary to staunch a U.S. epidemic of gun violence, while opponents believe more controls would violate gun ownership rights under the U.S. Constitution's Second Amendment.

DeWine, who took office in January, previously expressed support for "red flag" laws after a deadly Passover shooting at a California synagogue in April.

Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have "red flag" laws on the books, according to Giffords, a gun-control advocacy group. Most of the jurisdictions are under Democratic control.

DeWine's proposal could meet resistance in the Republican-controlled Ohio Senate and House of Representatives.

In an address to the nation on Monday, President Donald Trump also backed laws to allow guns to be taken away from dangerous individuals. He also proposed tighter monitoring of the internet, mental health reform and wider use of the death penalty in response to the two mass shootings over the weekend that left 32 people dead in Texas and Ohio.

The president and first lady Melania Trump will visit Dayton on Wednesday, Vice President Mike Pence said on Tuesday.

Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley, a Democrat, said she would welcome the president but plans to tell Trump "how unhelpful he's been on this," referring to Trump's remarks on Monday about ways to curb gun violence.

"Yesterday, his comments weren't really helpful around the issue of guns," Whaley told reporters. REUTERS

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If you can't stand the heat...

Chefs Bobby Flay and Michael Symon give us the scoop on their new barbecue competition show on Food Network.

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This summer just got a lot saucier. Food Network's latest show featuring culinary icon Bobby Flay (BF) and Iron Chef Michael Symon (MS) recently premiered on the food-focused network, and the competition is just starting to heat up. "BBQ Brawl: Flay vs. Symon" features four episodes of intense rounds where competitors will smoke, sauce, grill and dry rub their way to the top while being mentored by the biggest barbecue connoisseurs themselves. Both Flay and Symon sat down with Metro to give the scoop on their new show, talk about competing against each other for the first time and share some surprises audiences should look out for.

Why choose BBQ for the show— what makes this style of cooking exciting for the competition?
MS: I think a couple of things — barbecue is huge to Bobby and I both, and I don't think there is anything more Americana-style than barbecue. It's really grown nation-wide now, it used to be very regionally specific, and now you're seeing great barbecue restaurants open all over the country. The level of interest for barbecue right now is just very high. Even though it fits into one category there are a lot of different styles of it.

How did you go about finding the "pit-masters" that are competing on the show?
BF: My company actually produced the show, so we certainly scoured the country for the best barbecue experts around and we pooled from a pool of very decorated barbecue competitors.

What kind of challenges can viewers expect to see the pit-masters undergo during the competition?
BF: It's all outdoor cooking in some way, shape or form– but they range from very quick sort of backyard grilling challenges to challenges that took up to eight hours to cook a piece of meat— and everything in between. That included side dishes, sauces, or things on the grill or the smoker—it was basically everything you could do outdoors.

MS: It was fun because it ranged from backyard barbecue to really old traditional kind of barbecue techniques.

What's some of the criteria the competitors will be judged on?
BF: I think presentation at any level is important no matter what, but that doesn't mean it can't be something simply plated. I think the thing about barbecue is it's really about the presentation of the techniques of the food— things along those lines that really make your mouth water when it's put in front of you.

Why did you choose Austin for the show's location?
BF: I think that Austin, well actually Texas in general — it is considered one of the best barbecue states in the whole country. Food Network has a very big Texas following and it just felt right. The minute you cross the Texas border you can just smell the barbecue everywhere.

Overall what would you tell audiences to expect from "BBQ Brawl: Flay vs. Symon"
MS: The show offers a wide variety of things. You get to see world-class barbecue, and you also get to see two best friends having a great time while being competitive.

BF: And amazing technique— some of the best people in the business. Not us, the competitors. But, there are some smaller challenges in the episodes that will include me and Michael as well.

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Filmmakers Julius Onah and J.C. Lee unpack the complicated themes of 'Luce'

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Holding in a secret is a sensation that only the truly twisted actually enjoy. At least that's my belief on the matter. With some of the best films, the subject matter and narrative choices create a reaction inside of you that causes your mental gears to power at full speed. You can't help it, you just need to share your opinions with someone else who has witnessed what you just did. This could explain why it can be so hard to dodge spoilers on the internet for the most anticipated movies each year. With the recently released and provocative film "Luce," I feel as though I had been waiting to unload my thoughts about the film's larger themes with anyone familiar with it. As luck would have it, those people ended up being the film's writer, J.C. Lee, and director, Julius Onah. I promise, there will be no spoilers.

The film, starring Octavia Spencer, Naomi Watts, Tim Roth and Kelvin Harrison Jr. as Luce, shines a light on the quickness that it takes many of us to assign blame to individuals before understanding every angle of their story. To delve into the discussion in his original play, Lee had created the title character as a perfect conversation starter around the subjects of racial profiling and privacy. Luce is a stellar athlete and student at his Arlington, Virginia, high school, as well as a son any parent could ever wish for. His story is nothing short of miraculous as he had grown up a child soldier in a war-torn country and adopted by his newfound

"Luce." JON PACK

family. But once his politics professor reads a troubling assignment he has handed in, suspicion from those around him begins to raise questions on whether or not he may pose a threat to the school and if they have the right to quickly cast him as a villain.

"I think that truth is not an objective thing," says Lee about the central question around Luce's innocence. "It is a thing that many of us have versions of and can all be accurate at the same time. I'm always interested in stories that pit one person's truth against another and not judging which one ought to be the victor in the situation. I think that is real life. Real life is people testing their arguments against one another. And, more often than not, both arguments are correct. I think it's left to us — as an audience, as a country, as a culture — to wrestle with the aftermath of that. I would say that if we as filmmakers offered you a pat solution of, 'This is the person who gets the trophy and this is the person who goes to jail,' I would say that we would be being disingenuous to the way that the world works. We were very interested in trying to make a film that represented the actual complexity of the world around these issues."

Onah could not agree more with Lee's assessment, and it's part of the reason why he convinced him to turn his play into a film in the first place. He felt it was too important a story not to have in theaters at this current moment in our nation's history.

"We're in a very heated moment right now where identity is literally in the center of every conversation we're having," chimes in Onah. "When it comes to pop culture, when it comes to politics, when it comes to sports — whatever it may be, part of the conversation we're having is, 'Who gets to be human?' From there, who gets to be 'fully human' and who gets access to the full spectrum of humanity? It feels to me, the work that needs to be done is work that happens on an individual basis for everybody. Because that truth constantly shifts. If there was a one-size-fits-all answer, we wouldn't be having the debates that we're having."

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The constant reinvention of the creative spirit KENZO TAKADA

He's considered a fashion legend, but that label does not mean that much to him.

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Before Kenzo Takada, Poiret evoked Orientalism. in design, the first designer approach to another culture in fashion.

But Takada definitely brought the freedom of color to *pret a porter* in the '70s, inspired by ethnicity in Western silhouettes with statement logos and textile richness in products that defied the imagination. He left his own mark on the symbols of the East, reinterpreted in a contemporary and global way, as well as that *joie de vivre* and that unique essence that he has transmitted in collaborations, his latest with global beauty brand Avon.

Kenzo went from the drama on the catwalk dosing it into his other creations. He sold his company to LVMH in 1993, retired in 1999, but with Humberto León and Carol Lim — and later Felipe Oliveira — the company's neoethnic and almost kitsch essence has been maintained (this last season inspired by Botticelli). He, on the other hand, will now be designing gowns for the new Japanese opera season that will go on tour in September and is still busy, creating perfumes (the first one released even before retiring) to express conceptually what he continues to represent in the artistic field

This is also seen in the book launched by Kazuo and Chihiro Matsui, where they gather more than 300 fashion sketches and photos from his boom era along other fashion legends like Yves St. Laurent.

Today, the 80-year-old designer launched his new perfume, "Avon Life Color" at Colombiamoda 2019. Metro talked with him about his new facet and how he sees fashion today.

How was the process of creating the book "Kenzo" that was recently launched?
My friend Kazuo Matsui wanted to make this book for the last twenty years. Since the year 2000, really, she wanted to release a book about my life, especially showing my sketches. It took a long time. She passed away a year, a year and a half ago, but she took several of my main sketches. Her daughter, Chihiro, was the one who continued with the publication of this book, which is quite personal: in fact, half of it is almost 300 sketches and the other includes my biography and my photographs. .

You have been retired from fashion for a long time, but you are no stranger to it. You have said that immediacy prevails in it today, that there are too many people. But what can you take away from it?
Today fashion is very important. 50 years ago, fashion was already important for people, but we didn't imagine it that democratized. And I don't mean just the shows, the runways, but the information, the way they work on it. To sell it.

Selling fashion today is absolutely different. Today we find that the young generations are interested in fashion and that this has become something so important, that it became necessary for life.

There were many designers, contemporaries of yours, who licensed their name in various products and got blurred in the process. What happened in your case?
What I have tried to do is work with a team with which I connect fully and work to the fullest with them. I do not know the secret so that this does not happen, but what I do particularly is to always be next to a team that does all this with me.

You were already launching perfumes even before retiring. Why continue with perfumes? Why with Avon in particular?
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Amid hot streak, Mets have a big question in center field

With the schedule set to take a drastic turn, the Mets need to figure out what's going on in center field.

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While Michael Conforto (left) would be out of position in center field, he provides much more offensively compared to Juan Lagares and Aaron Altherr (right). GETTY IMAGES

Look at what one hot streak can do.

The New York Mets got back over .500 for the first time since May 2 this week as the streaking side continues its torrid second-half run.

After a loss kicked off their post-All-Star-Game slate to drop them 11 games below .500 on Jul. 12, the Mets reeled off 17 wins in the following 22 games.

To the shock of every second-guesser, naysayer, and detractor, the Mets are back in the playoff hunt as a National League Wild Card spot is within touching distance.

Maybe general manager Brodie Van Wagenen knew something all along.

The Mets schedule hasn't necessarily been an imposing one over the last three weeks. They're at the tail-end of a 16-game stretch in which all of their opponents had losing records (Three against the Padres, six against the Pirates, three against the White Sox, and four against the Marlins).

Taking full advantage of the easier schedule, the Mets have seemingly righted the ship. And it all begins with the pitching staff.

Since Jul. 13, the Mets possessed a team ERA of 2.68 entering Tuesday night's tilt with the Marlins.

The decision not to trade Noah Syndergaard and Zack Wheeler seems to be paying off as a rotation that also features Jacob deGrom, Steven Matz, and the newly acquired Marcus Stroman provide the promise of dominance from the hill during the final stretch of the 2019 season.

In July alone, Mets starters had the best ERA in baseball at 2.37 while the bullpen's mark was fifth-best at 3.34.

The offense has followed suit, averaging 5.3 runs per game in their last 24 games.

There's no denying that something special is brewing in Queens, harkening back the warm, fuzzy feelings of playoff runs in 2015 and 2016.

But the schedule is about to get much tougher with six-straight divisional matchups against the Washington Nationals and NL East-leading Atlanta Braves.

Manager Mickey Callaway won't have as much room for error against teams ahead of his in the standings, and suggesting the Mets are cured is simply ignorant.

There are a few tweaks to the roster that Callaway still can make during the final eight weeks of the season to ensure the Mets can continue sticking around the postseason hunt.

One of the largest question marks, though, remains in center field.

The Mets lack a consistent, true center fielder as they rank 20th in the majors in OPS out of the position this year. It's a fact that has further been enflamed since Dominic Smith hit the injured list.

While the converted first baseman moonlighting as a left fielder started the year hot with an average over .340, everyday wear and tear took a toll on the 24-year-old. After starting 19 of 28 games before his IL stint — his busiest stretch of the season — Smith was batted just .207.

It was the best Callaway could do, however, as he's been forced to play Michael Conforto out of position at times in center while playing Jeff McNeil and JD Davis — both infielders — at the corner outfield spots.

The Mets could skate by like that, but a busy stretch of schedule or injuries can quickly throw a wrench into those plans. And we saw it happen on Monday.

During a doubleheader that also saw McNeil leave the game in left due to a calf cramp, Callaway was forced to rely on both Juan Lagares and Aaron Altherr as his center fielders.

This is Lagares' last chance to prove that he can cut it in the majors. The sterling defender lacks any sort of pop in his bat. He's slashing .186/.263/.267 in 91 games this year.

Altherr has been even more miserable at the plate, collecting two hits in his first 21 at-bats as a Met.

With starting second baseman Robinson Cano now on the IL with a torn hamstring, the Mets should return McNeil to his natural position as long as he's healthy. It will force Callaway to play Davis in left every day, but he has to find an upgrade offensively in center field.

If the Mets weren't suddenly in a playoff race, they could have experimented with starting shortstop Amed Rosario in center. The 23-year-old continues to flat-out hit. Over his last 31 games, he's batting .350 with 10 extra-base hits and an OPS of .910. While many would be wary of converting Rosario from shortstop to center field, it's been done before. Lagares began his career as a shortstop before becoming one of the most reliable defensive center fielders in the game.

However, the Mets need proven options. Unfortunately for them, veteran outfielder Rajai Davis has been on the injured list for the past three weeks. Currently, in triple-A, Davis is batting .287 in 75 games and has a wealth of postseason experience. It was his home run for the Cleveland Indians in the bottom of the eighth inning that sent Game 7 of the 2016 World Series to extra innings.

The Mets could bring Arismendy Alcantara or Dilson Herrera — both infielders — up to the majors. Alcantara is batting .298 with nine home runs in 66 games down in triple-A while Herrera has 22 round-trippers in 92.

Both could either be utility infielders to provide an upgrade over Luis Guillorme or see time in the corner outfield spots and provide offensive depth compared to Lagares and Altherr. It would mean Conforto is the everyday center fielder, but it's worth the risk to create the best offensive lineup possible.

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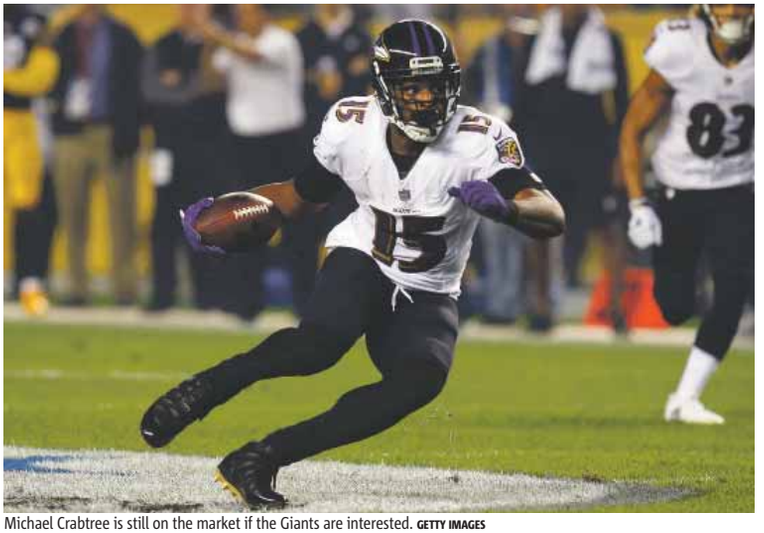

Michael Crabtree is still on the market if the Giants are interested. GETTY IMAGES

Should WR-needy Giants check in on Crabtree?

Veteran receiver Michael Crabtree's signing with the Arizona Cardinals has fallen through.

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The New York Giants have a pass-catching problem on their hands after a nightmarish July.

No. 1 receiver Sterling Shepard fractured his thumb, No. 2 receiver Golden Tate is appealing a four-game suspension for violating the NFL's PED policy, and No. 3 receiver Corey Coleman is out for the season after tearing his ACL.

That's a less than auspicious start to life without Odell Beckham Jr.

Veteran quarterback Eli Manning is now slated to enter Week 1 with a wide-receiving corps of Bennie Fowler, Russell Shepard, Cody Latimer and Darius Slayton.

Manning is on his last legs as a pro and that kind of pass-catching unit to start the season is not going to do him any favors.

Expect him to rely heavily on tight end Evan Engram and All-Pro running back Saquon Barkley.

There is still plenty of time for Gettleman to bring on another wide receiver to add another dimension to the positional competition rather slotting in practice-squad players.

A prominent name is out there on the market to be had, too.

Michael Crabtree is back on the block after initial reports on Monday suggested that he was signing with the Arizona Cardinals. While the 31-year-old tried out for the team, contract negotiations broke down, per NBC Sports' Mike Florio.

Preparing for his 11th NFL season, Crabtree has a track record solid enough for the Giants to at least consider taking a flyer on.

By no means has Crabtree's production worthy of top-receiver billing. In 2017 with the Oakland Raiders and 2018 with the Baltimore Ravens, he averaged 612 yards per season. It was a far cry from his previous two seasons in Oakland when he averaged 962 yards with a combined 17 touchdowns.

His career has mostly been a series of failed expectations. After being taken 10th overall by the San Francisco 49ers in 2009, Crabtree recorded just one 1,000-yard season over his first four seasons despite being targeted on average 107 times per year.

A torn ACL following his 1,105-yard, nine-touchdown 2012 campaign barred Crabtree from further developing into the dangerous receiver he was billed to be. Along with a reportedly questionable attitude in the locker room, he would last one more season in San Francisco before moving to Oakland in 2015.

If one could put Crabtree's history aside and look solely at the numbers, however, it might be worth the Giants taking a chance on him.

He might not be in his prime, but Crabtree's average of 747 yards per season would add an experienced, proven wide receiver to a Giants group that lacks any after injuries and suspensions.

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Supplemental Summons and Notice of Object of Action Supreme Court Of The State Of New York County Of Queens Action to Foreclose a Mortgage Index #: 712603/2015 Wells

Fargo Bank, N.A. Plaintiff, vs Mahabubur Bhuiyan If Living, And If He/She Be Dead, Any And All Persons Unknown To Plaintiff, Claiming, Or Who May Claim To Have An Interest In, Or General Or Specific Lien Upon The Real Property Described In This Action; Such Unknown Persons Being Herein Generally Described And Intended To Be Included In Wife, Widow, Husband, Widower, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assignees Of Such Deceased, Any And All Persons Deriving Interest In Or Lien Upon, Or Title To Said Real Property By, Through Or Under Them, Or Either Of Them, And Their Respective Wives, Widows, Husbands, Widowers, Heirs At Law, Next Of Kin, Descendants, Executors, Administrators, Devisees, Legatees, Creditors, Trustees, Committees, Lienors, And Assigns, All Of Whom And Whose Names, Except As Stated, Are Unknown To Plaintiff, 2166 Dea Inc., 2166 Dean Llc, Teresa Menichino, Capital One Bank (Usa), NA., New York City Department Of Housing Preservation And Development, New York City Parking Violations Bureau, New York City Environmental Control Board, New York City Department Of Finance, People Of The State Of New York, United States Of America Acting Through The IRS John Doe (being fictitious, the names unknown to Plaintiff intended to be tenants, occupants, persons or corporations having or claiming an interest in or lien upon the property described in the complaint or their heirs at law, distributees, executors, administrators, trustees, guardians, assignees, creditors or successors.) Defendant(s).

Mortgaged Premises: 91-07 184th Street, Hollis, NY 11423 BL #: 9905 - 50 To the Above named Defendant: You are hereby summoned to answer the Complaint in this action, and to serve a copy of your answer, or, if the Complaint is not served with this Supplemental Summons, to serve a notice of appearance, on the Plaintiff(s) attorney(s) within twenty days after the service of this Supplemental Summons, exclusive of the day of service (or within 30 days after the service is complete if this Supplemental Summons is not personally delivered to you within the State of New York). In case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you by default for the relief demanded in the Complaint. The Attorney for Plaintiff has an office for business in the County of Erie. Trial to be held in the County of Queens. The basis of the venue designated above is the location of the Mortgaged Premises.

TO Mahabubur Bhuiyan Defendant In this Action. The foregoing Supplemental Summons is served upon you by publication, pursuant to an order of HON. Pam Jackman-Brown of the Supreme Court Of The State Of New York, dated the Eighth day of July, 2019 and filed with the Complaint in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Queens, in the City of Jamaica. The object of this action is to foreclose a mortgage upon the premises described below, executed by Mahabubur Bhuiyan to secure the sum of $533,000.00. The Mortgage was recorded at CRFN 2010000259613 in the Office of the City Register of the City of New York, Queens County on August 3, 2010.

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Gross Polowy, LLC
Attorney(s) For Plaintiff(s)
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NOTICE OF FORMATION of PolyMATEr LLC. Articles of Org. filed with the Secy. of State of New York (SSNY) on 07/29/2016. Office location: NY County. SSNY is designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: PolyMATEr LLC, 1025 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10028. Purpose: On-line social network for ethical non-monogay for gay men.

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4 "The Magic Flute" or "Tosca"
9 Prefix for enemy or angel
13 City in Texas
14 Role on "M*A*S*H"
15 Outdoor feast
16 __ and for all; permanently
17 Item listed in a recipe
19 "__ Willie Winkie"
20 See eye __; agree
21 Takes a nap
22 Gramm/McGraw
24 Big __
25 "If it's __ thing, it's another!"
27 Gold/Ivory
30 Demean; put down
31 "Don't __ on me"; old flag words
33 "__-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub..."
35 Unruly crowds
36 Simpletons
37 Beckoned
38 Conger or moray
39 Wander about stealthily
40 Self-confidence
41 Whispered confidence
43 Sacrificial figure
44 Tiller
45 Freight
46 Crooked
49 __ plugs; ignition starters
51 Bakery buy
54 Cash register user
56 Nourishment
57 Up in __; angry
58 Debonair; charming
59 Pulls along
60 Reasonable bedtime
61 Aggravated
62 Nation with the most immigrants: abbr.

DOWN

1 Of sound mind
2 Good enough
3 Female animal
4 Colorful songbird
5 Window pieces
6 Uptight
7 Unusual
8 "Diamonds __ Forever"; 007 film
9 Flying saucer pilots
10 Streets of Paris
11 Quitter's word
12 Shacks
13 Word of amazement
18 Terrible fear
20 Fork part
23 Role on "Bonanza"
24 Deadly snakes
25 New parents' choice
26 Woodwind instruments
27 Jailbird's quarters
28 Disloyal to one's nation
29 Lather-topped
31 Tap the horn
32 Use an oar
34 Bar order
36 Sovereign
37 Björn of tennis
39 Bows of ships
40 Yellowstone National __
42 Dairy product
43 __ down; reduced the price of
45 Sculpt
46 __ aside
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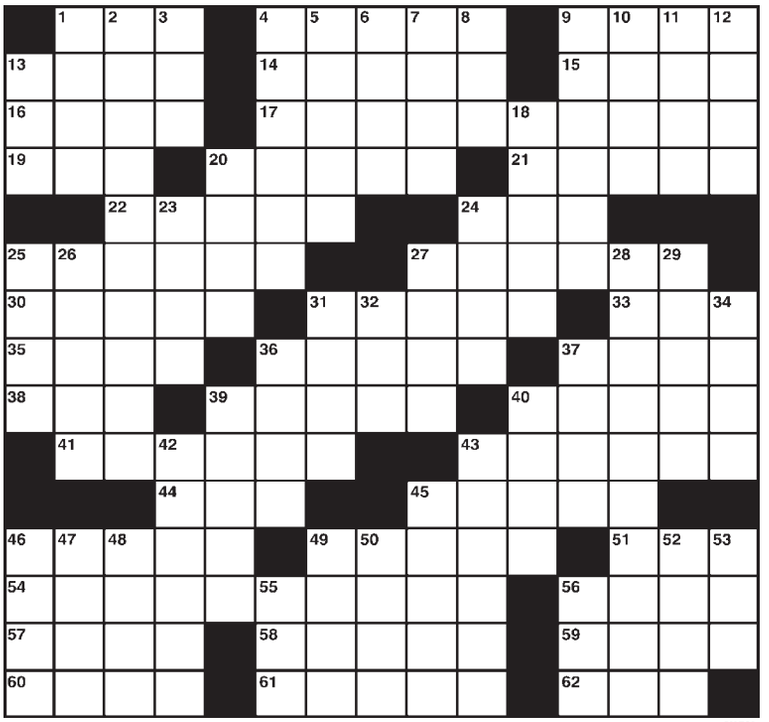
48 J's followers
49 Insulting remark
50 High point
52 Meditative exercise
53 Ames & McMahon
55 TV crime drama series
56 Common ailment



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